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Please **amend claims 1 and 9** as follows:

*Sub 321* 1. (Amended) A shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle including a shock absorbing member projecting from a vehicular body, wherein shock is absorbed by crashing said shock absorbing member, comprising:

a front end of said shock absorbing member located in front of a front wheel or in the vicinity of said front wheel;

*a* an upper end of said shock absorbing member located at such a position that the upper end of said shock absorbing member does not block a forward viewing area for a driver;

a top wall having a forward section with an inclined upper surface for permitting an operator to have a forward viewing area that is not obstructed;

a center of a leading end contact surface of said shock absorbing member located at a position higher than a vertical position of a center of gravity of both said vehicle and said driver; and

right and left side surfaces of said shock absorbing member offset to a center of a vehicular body from right and left side surfaces of said vehicular body,

wherein said upper end includes a forward section with an inclined upper surface for permitting said forward viewing area of said operator to be unobstructed.

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contd Br 2. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said shock absorbing member includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs formed for absorbing a shock.

3. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs includes ribs with partially thinned sections for facilitating the absorption of a shock.

cont. Br 5. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are arranged to be bilaterally symmetric with respect to an axis of shock absorbing member.

A<sup>2</sup> 6. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are divided into a plurality of sections within said shock absorbing member for sequentially absorbing a shock.

7. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs form substantially triangular shapes within each of said plurality of sections.

8. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said shock absorbing member is formed from resin.

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~~9.~~ 9. (Amended) A shock absorbing structure for a vehicle including a shock absorbing member projecting from a vehicular body, comprising:

a front end of said shock absorbing member located forward of a front wheel;

an upper end of said shock absorbing member positioned so as not to block a forward viewing area of an operator of the vehicle; and

a center of a leading end/contact surface of said shock absorbing member located at a vertical position higher than a position of a center of gravity of both said vehicle and said operator,

wherein said upper end includes a forward section with an inclined upper surface so that said forward viewing area is not obstructed.

10. The shock absorbing structure for a vehicle according to claim 9, wherein said shock absorbing member includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs formed for absorbing a shock.

11. The shock absorbing structure for a vehicle according to claim 10, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs includes ribs with partially thinned sections for facilitating the absorption of a shock.

12. The shock absorbing structure for a vehicle according to claim 9, and further including right and left side surfaces of said shock absorbing member being offset to a center of a vehicular body from right and left side surfaces of said vehicular body.

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14. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 10, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are arranged to be bilaterally symmetric with respect to an axis of shock absorbing member.

15. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 10, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs are divided into a plurality of sections within said shock absorbing member for sequentially absorbing a shock.

16. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 15, wherein said plurality of reinforcing ribs form substantially triangular shapes within each of said plurality of sections.

17. The shock absorbing structure for a two-wheeled vehicle according to claim 9, wherein said shock absorbing member is formed from resin.

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